

TEIGNBRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Licensing and Regulatory Committee

28 November 2024

PART I

Report Title	GAMBLING ACT 2005 REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES
Purpose of Report	To recommend the Statement of Principles, as amended, to go to Council for approval.
Recommendation(s)	The Committee RESOLVES to: Comment on the representations received and refer the Statement of Principles to Council.
Financial Implications	Licensing is self-financed by the licensed fees
Legal Implications	
Risk Assessment	That all reasonable steps are in place to ensure compliance with conditions on the licence under one or more of the three licensing objectives are met. Mrs Andrea Furness, Licensing Manager Email: andrea.furness@teignbridge.gov.uk
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Appendices / Background Papers	A: Draft Statement of Principles B: Details of Responses C: Responses in full

1. INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In November 2021 Full Council approved the current Statement of Principles which has been in effect since 31 January 2022. Under Section 23 of the Gambling Act 2005 and Regulations these principles are required to be reviewed every three years.

2. GROUPS CONSULTED

- 2.1 The Licensing Authorities Draft Statement of principles was made available for consultation on the 23 September 2024. The final date for comments was 15 November 2024. A list of details of the responses is attached at Appendix B.
- 2.2 The consultation exercise for the draft statement of principles has been wide. Section 23(5) requires consultation with police, persons who represent the interest of persons carrying on gambling businesses and persons who represent the interests of persons who are likely to be affected by the exercise of the authority's function before its adoption. The list of those with whom the Council has consulted is reproduced below. An email/letter was sent to each of the consultees inviting them to make comment on the statement of principles, using Survey Monkey. They were also given the choice of downloading a copy of the review of the principles from Teignbridge District Councils website or requesting a printed copy to be sent out by post. The Licensing Office did not receive any requests for a hard copy. A copy of the review of the statement of principles was placed on the Council's internet site.
- South Devon & Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership
 - Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service
 - Environmental Health
 - British Amusement Catering Trade Association (BACTA)
 - Association of British Bookmakers
 - Gamblers Anonymous
 - Gambling Commission
 - Gamcare
 - Betting and Gaming Council
 - The Bingo Association
 - Gamble Aware
 - Local businesses and their representatives
 - Local faith groups
 - Citizen's Advice
 - Local residents and their representatives
 - Royal Mencap Society
 - NSPCC Plymouth
 - NHS Northern Eastern and Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group
 - Representatives of existing licence-holders
- 2.3 As you can see is from the consultation process feedback has been minimal changes requested based on the representations that have been received. The list of factors that have been raised are included in red in the attached Draft Statement of Principles.
- 2.4 We have received four responses and one that was submitted to another authority that was deemed relevant and details are set out in the Appendix B of which offer comments and amendments to be made on the proposed Statement of Principles.

3. TIME-SCALE

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- 3.1 The Licensing Authority must adopt the principles prior to the 31 January 2025 to continue to exercise its powers under the Gambling Act 2005. Once the Council has approved its Statement of Principles it will be published and will be available for anybody to view through the Council's website.
- 3.2 Section 23 of the Gambling Act 2005 and regulations requires every licensing authority to determine its principles for the following three years and Section 5(3) sets out who is to be consulted.
- 3.3 The Gambling Act 2005 requires the principles to be approved by the Full Council. The Licensing and Regulatory Committee is asked to comment on the representations received before being put to Full Council for approval on the date is not yet known.
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| 3.4 | 28 November 2024 | Licensing and Regulatory Committee consider draft Statement of Principles |
| | Date yet unknown | Full Council consider and approve Statement of Principles |
| | By 6 January 2025 | Publish Statement of Principles |
| | On 31 January 2025 | Statement of Principles takes effect. |

4. REPORT DETAIL

4.1 Financial

Licensing is self-financed by the licensed fees.

4.2 Legal

Compliance with all legislation.

4.3 Risks

That all reasonable steps are in place to ensure compliance with conditions on the licence under one or more of the three licensing objectives are met.

5. CONCLUSION

To recommend the Statement of Principles, as amended, to Full Council for approval.